

MINUTES of the annual general meeting of the Cotes Parish Council held in Hoton Village Hall on Wednesday, 10 May 1989, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

One local government elector

1 APOLOGIES

There were none.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was read and a copy would be attached to the minutes. The following items were covered:

Retirement of Clerk
Wymeswold Airfield Public Inquiry
Fouling of footpaths and recreational areas by dogs
Waymarking of field footpaths
Tree preservation
Low water pressure at Park Farm

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.45 pm.

Rachael Saunders

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COTES AND PRESTWOLD WARDS

Report for the year ended 31 March 1989

RETIREMENT OF CLERK

Mr P F Oswin retired on 30 September 1989 after 42 years' service and was succeeded by Mrs G G Skinner.

WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD INQUIRY - COSTAIN CONSORTIUM

The application to build a new village on the airfield was made late in 1986 and a Public Inquiry was held. The applicants presented a very detailed case in support of the proposal and this was opposed by the County and Borough Councils, the Wolds Action Group and the Parish Councils of Burton on the Wolds Cotes and Prestwold, Hoton and Wymeswold. The case for the Parish Councils was presented by Mr Philip Tomlinson, supported by Mrs Gill Stewart and Mr Paul Truelove as expert witnesses. They worked closely with the Action Group in ensuring that the local opposition was presented to the best effect. Mr Tomlinson was excellent in both his cross-examinining and his final submissions and his was an outstanding individual contribution to the Inquiry.

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There was concern in Burton regarding the problem of fouling of footpaths and recreational areas by dogs. Two notices had been put up on the playing field requesting dog owners to keep to the edge of the field and prevent fouling. A campaign was being mounted to increase public awareness of the dangers causing by fouling. A supply of poop scoops would be available to dog owners free of charge.

WAYMARKING OF FIELD FOOTPATHS

Contact had been made with the County Council about the waymarking of footpaths in the area. It was hoped to arrange an evening meeting with landowners, the County Council representative and Parish Councillors to discuss the matter. Volunteers would be needed to help with the waymarking.

TREE PRESERVATION

The Council had submitted a schedule for preserving a belt of trees in Hall Drive and would be extending the schedule in the future.

PRESTWOLD

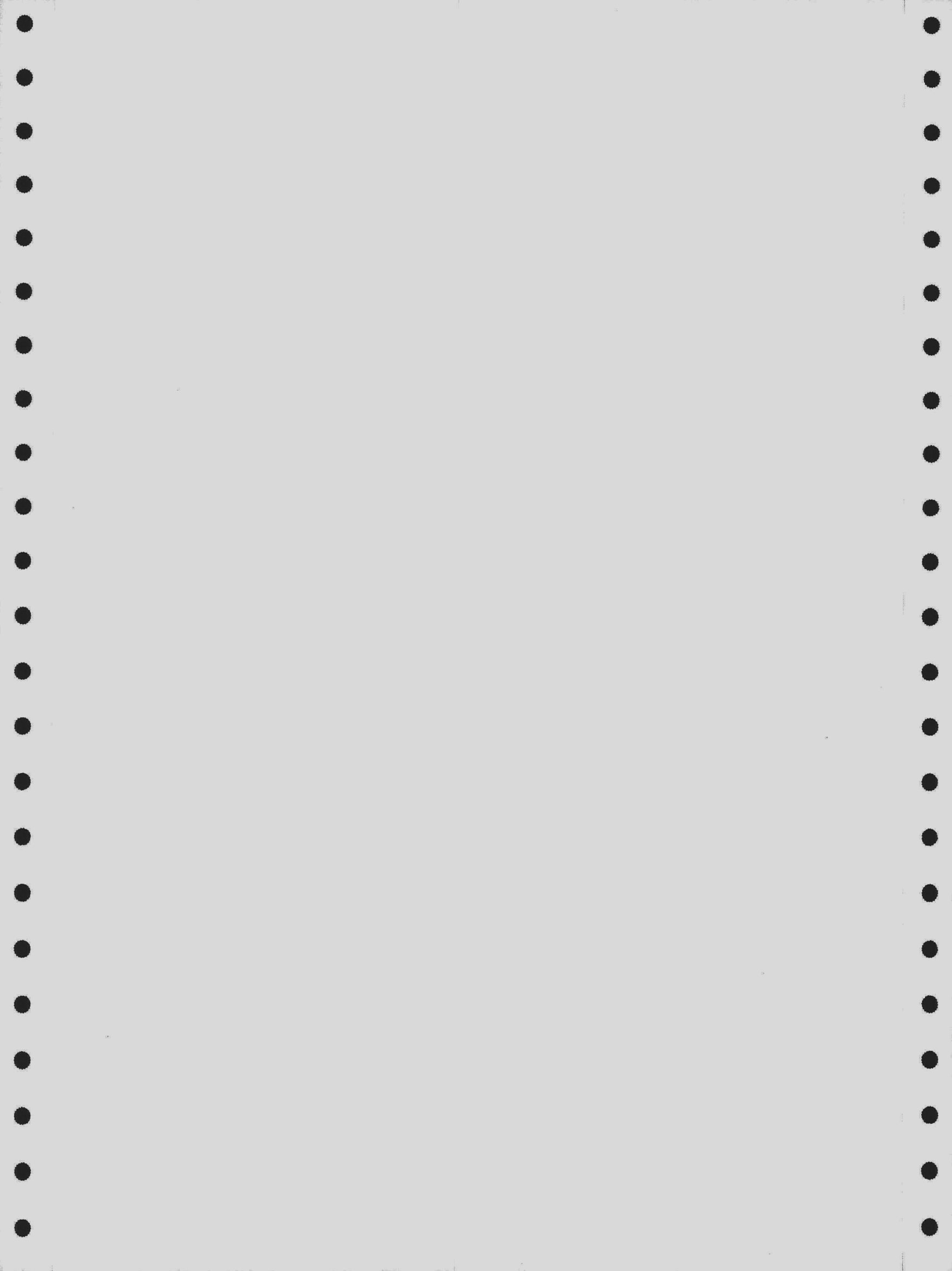
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A nameplate had been placed on Burton Lane to mark the section of the B676 from the junction with the A60 up to the junction with the B675.

COTES

The problem of the low water pressure at Mr Mercer's Park Farm was taken up with the Severn Trent Water Authority. The Authority reported that a separate water supply would have to be provided at Mr Mercer's expense to overcome the problem.

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MINUTES of the annual general meeting of the Prestwold Parish Council held in Hoton Village Hall on Wednesday, 10 May, 1989 at 8.15 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mrs J Feather
Mr M Oakland
Two local government electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were none.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Waymarking

3.2 Subsidence at the junction of the A60/B676 roads had not reoccurred

3.3 It was reported that the footpath on Burton Lane had been cleared of overgrowth.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Waymarking of field footpaths

Tree preservation

Low water pressure at Park Farm

Burton Lane

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 PUBLIC INQUIRY In response to questions concerning the Wymeswold Airfield Inquiry, the Chairman reported that a decision would probably be made early in 1990 and, if rejected, the Costain Consortium would put in an application for fewer dwellings. It was felt by both sides that the result would be finely balanced.

5.2 DOGS It was reported that there were no problems with dog fouling in Prestwold.

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5.3 LITTER A continuing problem was litter thrown from passing cars. It was agreed to publicise this problem.

5.3 BUS SERVICE The lack of a bus service on the B676/B675 roads was raised. An alternative use of taxis and taxi tokens was discussed. It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Council.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Rachael Saunders

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 13 February 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr C A Betts (Chairman)
Mrs J Feather
Miss M Fletcher
Mrs C McFarlane
Mr M Oakland
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies but there was a possibility that Mr Urwin had not received his notice of meeting in time due to his change of address.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record after the words "and a courtyard" had been deleted from Minute 15 on page 861, and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman read a letter which had been received from Mr R Seal in which Mr Seal expressed his appreciation of the Council's letter of sympathy on the death of his wife.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported that the decorations were almost finished and the new carpeting had been fitted.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Mr Cartwright, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, who was one of several members of the public present, was invited to speak on this item. Mr Cartwright explained that the recent changes in legislation, particularly with regard to the Village Hall Entertainments Licence, had resulted in an inspection of the electrical wiring. It was estimated that the cost of rewiring the Hall to bring it up to the standard required would be approximately £3,000 and Mr Cartwright gave a copy of a tender to the Chairman. However, further inspections and estimates would be sought. It was possible that the Borough Council

would make a contribution to the expense. Mr Cartwright also outlined the other repairs which were necessary. The Chairman requested Mr Cartwright to keep the Parish Council informed of future developments.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

- 6.1 Queen's Park Design Competition The Borough Council had sent details of the competition, together with entry forms, with a request for the Council to encourage entries. The Chairman agreed to discuss the documents with the Headmaster of Burton on the Wolds Primary School.
- 6.2 Charnwood & Soar Valley Housing Association A Profile had been received from the Housing Association and was available for study, if required.
- 6.3 Bank Services The Clerk had received approaches from both the Co-operative Bank and TSB for an opportunity to discuss the services they could offer the Council. However, it was agreed there was little point in changing from Nat West, who were entirely satisfactory.
- 6.4 Accounts Copies of the cash flow and balance projections as at 2 February 1989 were circulated.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

89/0220/2 Serpico International Ltd. Extensions to either side of cottage for study, double garage and first floor bedroom, lounge and conservatory to rear 3/4 Lower Mill Cottages, Cotes. It was agreed to invite Mr Urwin's comments on this application.

89/0227/2 Mr R Shields. First floor bedroom and landing extension to front of 9 Springfield Close, Burton on the Wolds. The plans had been obtained and were available for inspection.

89/0237/2 Mr S Walsh. Extension to side of detached house for utility room with first floor bedroom/en suite bathroom over. Conversion of integral garage to games room with replacement garage to side. 6 St Mary's Close, Burton on the Wolds. The plans had been obtained for this application and it had been identified that the building would encroach on a strip which was designated for a 5 metre tree screen. Mr Page of Hall Drive was concerned about the absence of the screen and had been in touch with the Ombudsman. It was understood that the Local Authority were contemplating enforcement action to ensure the screen was planted. In view of the circumstances, it was agreed to lodge a letter of objection with the Planning Department stating that the Council were obliged to object as the proposed building would be a contravention of the boundaries which would probably be the subject of enforcement proceedings.

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8 WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD

A letter had been received from Moss, Latham & Toone informing the Council that Wysall were to conduct their own case entirely by themselves and since Mr Hurley, their Clerk, was a retired solicitor, they were confident enough to make their own representations without professional advice. However, they would liaise with Moss, Latham & Toone as would the Wolds Action Group.

A letter had been received from Charnwood Borough Council with a timetable for the Public Inquiry.

The Chairman had written a report on behalf of the joint Parish Councils regarding the developments to date which had been circulated in The Link. He asked members to emphasise to parishioners the importance of attendance at the Inquiry.

Mr Shields outlined the major proposals regarding highways which had been put forward by Costain Homes and which they were prepared to finance. The latest proposals on the highways had been agreed between the Borough Council and the Developers. However, the Council were still opposed to the application.

A letter had been received from the Wolds Action Group requesting a grant towards publicity prior to the Public Inquiry. The expenditure could be authorised out of the free 2p allowance. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Oakland, and **RESOLVED** that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants:

The grant of £100 to the Wolds Action Committee in connection with their opposition to the development of Wymeswold Airfield.

9 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

Mr Oakland gave a brief account of a meeting on 12 January hosted by Nether Broughton & Old Dalby Parish Council. At that meeting he and Mrs Saunders had requested that a copy of a traffic survey should be sent to the Clerk and this would need to be followed up. An Action Group had been set up in the Old Dalby and Ragdale Area. This development would be looked at more closely after the forthcoming Public Inquiry on the proposed Wymeswold Airfield application.

10 PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

The Chairman had been in communication with Mr Gibson and read a summary of a letter from him in which it was suggested that Option 2 (the Scheme favoured by the Council), could include an additional property which would make the Scheme for 2 blocks of 3 dwellings, making a total of 6 houses instead of 5. Mr Gibson required guidance as to the content of the outline planning application to be made. It was agreed to ask Mr Gibson to proceed on the basis of 6 houses.

11 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CONTROLS

Copies of an NALC document had been circulated and would be filed for future reference.

12 STREET LIGHTING - FOOTPATH, SPRINGFIELD/BARROW ROAD

Mrs McFarlane reported that she had ascertained views on the desirability of lighting the footpath from a small group of householders. By and large, there appeared to be no strong demand for lighting and a number of people were opposed to the expenditure. It was agreed to defer the matter for one year.

13 TREE PRESERVATION SCHEDULE

A letter had been sent to Chris Buckingham, together with a map, giving details of trees the Council would like to be added to the Schedule. The Clerk had made it clear to Mr Buckingham that this was a preliminary step and if Councillors would inform her of any further trees which should be preserved, she would request these should also be added to the Schedule.

14 LION'S MOUTH FOUNTAIN

An estimate had been received from Mr Angrave but Mr Hardy had not responded to date. This matter would be discussed at the next meeting when both estimates should be to hand.

15 WAYMARKING

The Clerk reported that she had informed Mr Whiteman at County Hall that some Councillors and other helpers would be willing to undertake this work. He had offered to meet with the Clerk and a volunteer to discuss arrangements and materials. Mrs Saunders was concerned that local farmers should be informed of the project before work commenced. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr Whiteman to ascertain whether he had already written to farmers whose land was involved and to discuss whether they should be informed again, if the initial approach was some years ago.

16 GOOD DOG CAMPAIGN

Mrs McFarlane explained the contents of the package of material she had received in connection with the campaign. It was agreed that, as the Playing Field Association were also working on this subject, Mrs Saunders and Mrs McFarlane should liaise with them. It was agreed that the authorised expenditure on the campaign should not exceed £150.

17 SUPPLY OF GAS TO THE VILLAGE

The Chairman read out a letter from Mrs Cartwright on behalf of the Residents' Association on this subject. There was some discussion on the possibility of a survey but in the meantime the Clerk was instructed to write to British Gas requesting information on the criteria for supplying gas to villages.

18 BRITISH GYPSUM TRAFFIC

The Chairman read out a copy of a letter sent to Mr Lodge from Mr Moorhouse of Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds, expressing concern on the number of British Gypsum vehicles passing through the village. As Mr Moorhouse was present, he was asked for his comments and he gave the Chairman a copy of a document on the subject. The Chairman said he would raise the issue at the next meeting of the British Gypsum Liaison Committee of which he was a member and Mr Lodge Chairman. In the meantime, Mr Moorhouse's route for further comments should be through the Parish Council.

19 PURCHASE OF COMPUTER

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had identified the hardware and software appropriate for the Council's requirements and, as these were within the agreed budget for equipment, the purchase would be going ahead.

On the subject of bulk purchases in liaison with other Parishes, the Clerk had received a letter from the Society of Local Council Clerks explaining this was not viable because of the diversity of computers being used throughout the local council field. However, the Secretary of the SLCC recommended the purchase of one of the IBM range of computers.

Neither the Chairman nor the Clerk felt they could go along with this recommendation on the grounds of the much higher cost of IBM hardware. The model they had in mind was IBM compatible at a greatly reduced price.

20 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

TPA Tree Maintenance	£60.00
Lakin Carpet & Flooring Co (balance)	£627.27
G G Skinner - Clerk's expenses and reimbursement on telephone and materials	£87.86
Cornhill Insurance	£17.49
EMEB - electricity for the Pavilion	£15.36
Wolds Action Group - donation	£100.00

21 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Miss Fletcher reported that the new Burton garage owner had erected a sign which encroached on the footpath. The Chairman said he would take the matter up with the garage proprietor.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

 17/1/89

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In attendance:

Mr E Lodge (County Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mrs Feather, Mr Eggleston and Mr Shields (Borough Councillor).

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 British Gas A letter had been received from British Gas in reply to the Clerk's letter of 18 February regarding the criteria for extending gas mains to the villages. The letter explained that British Gas had been looking at the possibility of extending their supplies to the area in view of the proposed development of Wymeswold Airfield. If this scheme should not proceed, there would be a contribution towards costs required from individual households and would be conditional on 25% of the householders agreeing to have a gas supply before they could proceed. They would keep the Council informed of any developments.

3.2 Garage Sign/Planning Permissions Miss Fletcher said that she had recently knocked her head on the Burton on the Wolds garage sign when walking on the pavement. The Clerk had written to the Borough Planning Officer expressing the Council's concern that the sign protruded over the footpath but had not received a reply. She would follow this up and emphasise the danger to pedestrians. She had also written regarding the planning application for 6 St Mary's Close but again had not received a reply to date. She explained that she did not usually write again regarding enquiries until after a month, unless the matter was very urgent. There had been more complaints regarding a structure at 2 Somerset Close and she would again bring this to the attention of the Borough Planning Officer.

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4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported that the AGM would be held on 13 April. The Chairman said that Mr Eggleston had suggested that, as the gang mower used by the Golf Club of which he was a member, had been well serviced, the Council might like to request a quotation from the same source. The Chairman had asked him to obtain one.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Mrs McFarlane had spoken to Mr Cartwright before the meeting and learned that there was some difficulty over estimates for the rewiring; in particular it appeared that contractors would make a charge for an inspection. The Chairman requested the Clerk to write to Mr Cartwright on the matter.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

- 6.1 Best Kept Village Competition 1989 A letter had been received from Leicestershire Rural Community Council inviting entries. It was agreed to consider an entry for next year as time was too short to advertise effectively for this year. The Chairman suggested that daffodils could be planted to enhance grass borders and this would be actioned in the autumn.
- 6.2 Leics Rural Community Council Annual Appeal A letter was considered requesting a donation towards running costs. Mr Lodge said that most Parish Councils made a small donation. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Urwin and agreed unanimously to send £15.
- 6.3 Winged Fellowship An appeal letter had been received from this organisation which arranged holidays for disabled people. It was agreed that, although it was a very worthy cause, donations to this and similar organisations were outside the sphere of the Parish Council.
- 6.4 Operation Eyesore The Clerk circulated copies of pamphlets regarding a Civic Trust Initiative for Environment Week 1989. The Clerk was asked to send for details.
- 6.5 Cash projections Copies of the current projections, which had been previously circulated, were considered and it was noted that there appeared to be an unusually large amount outstanding for grants. This would be investigated for the next meeting.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following planning applications:

89/0293/2 Mrs H E Eggleston - Site for the erection of 2 bedroomed bungalow and garage (Renewal of 86/0279). Land adjacent to 75 Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds.

89/0505/2 Charnwood Borough Council - Site for the erection of one detached dwelling house or bungalow. Land adjacent to 7 Stanford Lane, Cotes.

The following applications, to which the Parish Council had objected, were notified as approved:

88/3270/2 - Mendwest, New dwelling at 40 Barrow Road

88/3279/2 - Extension to 50 Barrow Road

8 WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD

There was some discussion on the progress of the Public Inquiry which had commenced on 7 March. Mr Lodge stated that, although the County Council had come under some criticism in relation to the road situation, both they and the Borough Council were firmly committed to oppose the proposed development and had budgeted £25,000 for this purpose. The Council would be looking at the highways problem again. The Chairman emphasised the importance of parishioners' attendance at the Inquiry.

9 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

The Clerk had received traffic statistics from both the Six Hills Developments Ltd and Melton Borough Council. Mr Oakland pointed out that these figures did not contain any new information. However, in his letter to the Clerk, Mr Warden, Project Director of Six Hills Developments Ltd, had promised to send the results of further research which was being carried out in conjunction with the County Council.

10 PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

The Chairman read out a letter from Loughborough & District Housing Society Ltd regarding the Society's positive interest in the site. The matter was discussed at some length and sympathetic consideration was given to the Society's proposals. However, it was agreed to write to them stating that the Council did not wish to take up their offer.

11 LION'S MOUTH FOUNTAIN

Estimates for the work required had been requested from Mr Angrave and Mr Hardy. Mr Angrave had provided an estimate for laying a new pipeway and, on the other hand, Mr Hardy had written a letter in which he said he had rodded the pipes and got the water flowing. With an additional screw attachment which he was obtaining, he thought that regular rodding of the pipes would keep the water flowing freely. It was decided to ask Mr Hardy to go ahead. A letter would be sent to Mr Angrave thanking him for his estimate but explaining that the Council did not want to incur a major expense for the fountain at this time.

12 WAYMARKING

The Clerk was expecting some information from Rosemary Mills, Department of Planning & Transportation, on this subject. Mrs Saunders had learned from a friend that Mr Simon Packe Drury Lowe might possibly provide materials. It was hoped to take the possibilities further after the Easter holiday.

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13 GOOD DOG CAMPAIGN

Mrs Saunders had ascertained that there were approximately 88 dogs in 65 households in Burton on the Wolds, some of whom were causing problems. There were no complaints about dogs fouling footpaths from Cotes and Prestwold. It was agreed that she and Mrs McFarlane would draft a letter to be sent to dog owners to accompany leaflets obtained via the Campaign. Mrs McFarlane would check on the number of lamp post notices required and liaise with the Clerk to order the appropriate leaflets and notices. The expenditure was authorised. Mrs Saunders was also obtaining some BBC leaflets with reference to dog worming.

14 MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUND

Estimates had been obtained from Mr Bolesworth and Mr Wright for the year commencing 1 April 1989. Mr Wright's quotation of £444 inclusive was less than Mr Bolesworth's quotation and it was decided that Mr Wright should be asked to carry out the work. It was agreed to write to Mr Bolesworth thanking him for his services and explaining that other arrangements were being made. The situation would be reviewed in 12 months' time.

15 OUNDLE SCHOOL BELIZE EXPEDITION

There was nothing to report on this matter.

16 CHEQUES

The following cheque was authorised and signed:

G G Skinner
Salary, half year's office accommodation and expenses £342.83

17 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 17.1 Matters of report The Clerk was asked to report the following matters:

The possibility of larger 30 mile per hour speed limit signs at each end of Burton on the Wolds.
Litter at the end of Sowters Lane and also Wymeswold Lane.
The condition of 3 plastic traffic bollards between Wymeswold Lane and Sowters Lane.

With regard to the depression in Huntingdon Close, this was under investigation by the Divisional Surveyor.

- 17.2 Cotes Representative Mr Urwin had now moved away from Cotes and it would be necessary to advertise and elect a new Councillor.

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Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

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Apologies had been received from Mrs Feather.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Garage Sign The Clerk had contacted the Divisional Surveyor regarding Miss Fletcher's collision with the sign. Mr Duerden had inspected the sign and said it was on private property. The Clerk had also written to the Borough Planning Officer and Melton Borough Council on the subject but had not received replies to date. Mr Lodge said he would take the matter up with Mr Duerden.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported that the AGM would be held on 13 April 1989. She also said that 2 notices in connection with the Good Dog Campaign would be erected in the near future.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

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6 CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Operation Eyesore Mrs Saunders had organised a 'Litter Pick' for Saturday morning, 22 April, and produced posters for approval. She had also written to the Chief Constable for permission for a car with hazard lights on to follow the pickers and to the Waste Disposal Officer with a request for plastic bags and help with disposal of the litter. She requested members to publicise the event which was organised in conjunction with Environment Week, 22 April - 1 May.

6.2 County Councillor The nominations were as follows:

Enid Diana Thornley Goodman, Conservative
Penelope Erica Harris, Social & Liberal Democrat
Jeremy Patrick Anthony Hughes, Labour Party

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Mr Lodge for his 12 years' service and paid tribute to his valuable involvement in local affairs.

6.3 Annual Parish Meetings Annual meetings had been arranged as follows:

Burton on the Wolds - 17 April at 7.30 pm in Burton Village Hall
Cotes - 10 May at 7.30 pm in Hoton Village Hall
Prestwold - 10 May at 8.30 pm in Hoton Village Hall

6.4 Accounts The Clerk had circulated copies of the accounts and cash projections. The amount for grants which had been queried at the last meeting had been clarified and this item had been re-labelled 'Miscellaneous - including grants/donations'. The Chairman detailed some of the miscellaneous items. The Clerk reported that the computer, printer and software had now been purchased, together with discs and extension leads and fell well within the budgeted amount.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following planning applications:

89/0335/2 P D White - Convert integral garage to living accommodation and formation of first floor bathroom, 20 Springfield Close, Burton on the Wolds.

89/0560/2 Mr D Crieghton - Conversion of integral garage to form playroom, 2 St Leonard's Close, Burton on the Wolds

89/0689/2 Parish Council - Site for the erection of 6 terraced 2-bedroom dwelling houses and garages, relocation of storage garage and parking area, Parish land, Towles Fields, Burton on the Wolds.

8 WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD - PUBLIC INQUIRY

The Chairman stated that the joint Parish Council's case would be presented shortly and requested members to urge parishioners to attend.

9 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

There were no new developments.

10 PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

The Chairman reported that good progress was being made with the pending sale of the land and took the opportunity to say that he had been approached regarding the sale of government property at Sowters Lane. The Chairman had registered an interest on behalf of the Parish and the Clerk would confirm by letter.

11 WAYMARKING

Rosemary Mills, Senior Rights of Way Officer, Department of Planning and Transportation had sent some information on the subject and, in particular, the Centenary of Parish Councils 1992. Mrs Saunders had subsequently been in touch with Mrs Mills and had already received the names of several volunteers for the project. This matter would be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

12 GOOD DOG CAMPAIGN

A draft notice to dog owners, prepared by Mrs Saunders and Mrs McFarlane, was considered. It was agreed to circularise all householders in Burton on the Wolds in the near future and this project could be linked with the 'Litter Pick' to give parishioners a general awareness of the necessity to improve the environment. The scoops had been ordered.

13 COTES REPRESENTATIVE

Mr Urwin had agreed to remain on the Council for a short time; the Chairman and Mrs Saunders expressed their gratitude.

14 RURAL & SOCIAL HOUSING ISSUES IN THE BOROUGH

A letter had been received from Charnwood Borough Council on this subject, requesting a response by 21 April. The Council had already made a move to accommodate requirements in Burton on the Wolds by the Scheme for Towles Fields but further accommodation needs had not been researched. Mr Lodge suggested Mr Shields should be approached for help in identifying requirements and, in the meantime, it was agreed to write to the Borough Council expressing the Council's concern over the problem of housing and promising a fully reply at a later date.

15 CHARNWOOD DESIGN AWARDS 1989

A letter had been received from Charnwood Borough Council requesting nominations for awards. No suggestions were forthcoming.

16 VIBROSEIS SEISMIC SURVEY FOR EDINBURGH OIL & GAS

Notification had been received of a survey which would commence in mid April and would be of about three weeks' duration. The Chairman had informed Mr Philip Tomlinson of Moss, Latham & Toone of the notice.

17 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Leics Rural Community Council, donation	£15.00
LAPC, Parish notices	£3.26
Leics Footpath Association, annual sub	£3.00
G G Skinner, expenses and reimbursement, including software	£332.22

18 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Miss Fletcher had been passed a request from Mrs Page for a larger post box in Burton on the Wolds. The Clerk agreed to write to the District Customer Services Officer.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of Burton on the Wolds held in the Village Hall on Monday, 17 April, 1989, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors:

Mr C A Betts (Chairman)
Miss M Fletcher
Mrs C McFarlane
Mr M Oakland
Mrs R Saunders

Five Local Government Electors
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr Urwin.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those contained in the Chairman's Report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his report for the year ended 31 March 1989, copy attached. He made specific reference to the following items which had been a matter of concern during the year:

- 4.1 Retirement of Clerk
- 4.2 Wymeswold Airfield - Costain Consortium
- 4.3 New Village - Six Hills
- 4.4 Fitchett Ltd - re application Melton Road, Burton
- 4.5 Parish Land, Towles Fields
- 4.6 Grit Bins
- 4.7 Service Houses, Sowters Lane
- 4.8 Village Hall and Playing Field
- 4.9 British Gypsum - Barrow Mine
- 4.10 Weight restrictions, Barrow Road, Burton
- 4.11 Fouling of Footpaths and Recreational areas by dogs
- 4.12 Waymarking of Field Footpaths
- 4.13 Tree Preservation
- 4.14 Lion's Mouth Fountain
- 4.15 Gratitude



5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The matter of the excessive speed of traffic through the village was discussed. The Chairman said that a request for larger 30 mph signs was being considered but perhaps a letter to the Police requesting radar equipment would also act as a deterrent.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

Rachael Saunders
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REPORT for year ended 31.3.89

RETIREMENT OF CLERK

Mr P.F.Oswin retired on 30.9.89 after 42 years service and was succeeded by Mrs G.G. Skinner.

WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD - COSTAIN LTD

The application to build a new village on the Airfield was notified late in 1986 and a Public Inquiry is now in its sixth and final week. The Applicants have presented a very detailed case in support of the proposal and this has been opposed by the County and Borough Councils, the Wolds Action Group and the Parish Councils of Burton, Hooton and Wymeswold. The case for the Parish Councils has been presented by Mr Phillip Tomlinson supported by Mrs Gill Stewart and Mr Paul Truelove as expert witnesses. They have worked closely with the Action Group in ensuring that the local opposition was presented to best effect. Mr Tomlinson was excellent in both his cross-examining and his final submissions and I think that without doubt his was the outstanding individual contribution to the Inquiry.

It is also appropriate to congratulate the Action Group, particularly Angela Thorpe, on the enormous amount of work they have done and on their representations at the Inquiry. I have no doubt that their constant and diverse pressures raised the level of all the opposition very significantly. The Burton Residents Association made a valuable contribution to the work of the Action Group and also made written submissions to the Inspector.

NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

An Application has been lodged with Melton B.C. to build a new village at Six Hills. This proposal is in its early stages but the Parish Council has lodged an objection, largely related to the sinister traffic implications for Burton. Parish Council representatives have attended a number of meetings in Old Dolby and Hoby. A local pressure group has been set up and it is almost certain that there will be a Public Inquiry.

FITCHETT LTD - RE APPLICATION MELTON RD, BURTON.

The Inspector's decision in this case was quashed in the High Court and the matter was returned to the DoE for reconsideration. It is understood that it has been referred back to the Inspector during the past month and his decision is awaited.

PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

The Council has noted public concern over the scarcity of relatively low cost homes in the village and has accordingly changed its policy regarding the disposal of the surplus land adjacent to the Playing Field. The original intention was to sell the land unconditionally for building. The money released by the disposal will be used for the enhancement of recreational and amenity facilities. However, a higher priority has now been given to lower cost housing and an Application to build 6 houses (2 sets of three terraces) will be heard by the Borough Planning Committee on 28.4.89. If successful the land will be disposed of as a 'scheme' with covenants to ensure that it is developed in the way intended by the Council, the amount realised will, of course, be less than originally anticipated.

GRIT BINS

Following a number of requests by residents to Mr Shields the Parish Council purchased and installed bins at the Springfield Close/Loughborough Rd and Somerset Close/Brook St junctions. It is sad to have to report that the latter was stolen and wantonly destroyed on the day it was put in position.

SERVICE HOUSES - SOWTERS LAND

It is understood that the unused houses will be sold but the criteria for the sale have not yet been decided. I have been in contact with the Services Land Agent and registered the Council's interest. The release of these houses would, of course, represent a very significant increase in the proportion of lower cost houses available in Burton.

VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

The Council has continued to give financial support to these two important local amenities. The list of repairs and enhancements this year includes floor coverings in both the Hall and the Pavilion, improvements to the heating in the Hall, and a number of other items on the Playing Field.

BRITISH GYPSUM - BARROW MINE

I have attended a number of meetings of the Barrow Mine Liaison Committee, as a representative of this Council. The level of complaints is very low and none have related specifically to our own Parish.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS - BARROW ROAD, BURTON

It is understood that the imposition of these will be completed by the installation of the restriction signs in the near future.

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FOULING OF FOOTPATHS & RECREATIONAL AREAS BY DOGS

There has been continuing concern about the problem, particularly as it effects the Springfield Close/Barrow Rd path and the Playing Field. A campaign is being mounted to increase public awareness of the dangers caused by fouling and a supply of POOP SCOOPS will be made available to dog owners, free of charge.

WAYMARKING OF FIELD FOOTPATHS

After a delay due to staff shortage at County Hall it is understood that progress is now imminent and our vice-chairman Mrs Saunders is active in raising support for the operation.

TREE PRESERVATION

The Council is in the process of assessing the situation in the Parish as a whole and in due course will be submitting a suggested schedule to the Planning Authority.

LIONS MOUTH

This is an item which has appeared regularly over the last 90 years or so. Independent surveys by Mr Hardy and Mr Angrave indicate that the pipework from Hall Drive to the fountain is in need of replacement. However, Mr Hardy is of the opinion that regular clearing will maintain the flow for some time and for the moment this is the option adopted.

GRATITUDE

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Lodge - County Councillor, Mr Shields - Borough Councillor and last but not least my fellow Parish Councillors, particularly my vice-chairman Mrs Saunders, for their support during my period in office. Perhaps I should also mention that two clerks have had to endure my eccentricities, they deserve both my gratitude and apologies.

C.A.Betts.

17th April 1989.

MINUTES of the annual meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 8 May 1989 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr C A Betts (Chairman)
Mrs J Feather
Miss M Fletcher
Mrs C McFarlane
Mr M Oakland
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)
Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

The Chairman welcomed the new County Councillor, Mrs Goodman.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Messrs Eggleston and Urwin.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The retiring Chairman, Mr Betts, took the opportunity to express his thanks to Mr Lodge, County Councillor, Mr Shields, Borough Councillor, and Mrs Saunders, Vice Chairman, for their support during his term of office. He also thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk.

It was proposed by Mr Oakland, seconded by Miss Fletcher, and agreed unanimously that the new Chairman should be Mrs Saunders. Mrs Saunders then took over the Chair.

4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mrs McFarlane, seconded by Mrs Feather, and agreed unanimously that Mr Oakland should be the new Vice Chairman.

5 ELECTION OF DELEGATES

5.1 Burton on the Wolds PFA Management Committee In the absence of Mr Eggleston, it was decided that this matter would be brought up at the next meeting.

5.2 Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee
Miss Fletcher agreed to continue to serve on this Committee.

5.3 British Gypsum Liaison Committee Mr Betts agreed to continue.

5.4 Leics Association of Parish Councils Mrs McFarlane was unable to remain on this Committee. Mr Oakland was able to carry on and Mr Betts agreed to join him.

6 INVENTORY OF PARISH LAND, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The inventory was studied and it was noted that some of the insurance values were out of date and there was a need for a check to be made on the number of timber seats. This item would be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Rachael Saunders

12-6-89

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 8 May 1989 at 7.50 pm.

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)
Mr C A Betts
Mrs J Feather
Miss M Fletcher
Mrs C McFarlane
Mr M Oakland
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance:

Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)
Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Messrs Eggleston and Urwin.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record with an amendment to minute 3 on page 871 to read "the Divisional Surveyor" instead of "Melton Borough Council", and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Garage Sign Miss Fletcher enquired whether the Clerk had heard anything more regarding the sign. The Clerk reminded the meeting that Mr Lodge was going to take the matter up with Mr Duerden. Mrs Goodman agreed to contact Mr Lodge and it was hoped that there would be something to report at the next meeting.

3.2 Post Box and Post Office Services The Clerk had written to the District Head Postmaster requesting a larger post box for Burton on the Wolds and he had replied that he was looking into the matter. She had subsequently received a request for the local Post Office to be licensed to issue Road Fund Licences and she had again written to the Head Postmaster.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

The Chairman reported that two notices had been erected in an attempt to deter dog owners from allowing their pets to foul the Playing Field. The maintenance of the Playing Field had increased in cost and was continuing to be carried out by Mr. Wright. The Cricket Club had made a substantial contribution. A short discussion on the use and overhaul of the gang mowers followed. This item would be placed on the agenda for the June meeting and it was decided to invite 2 Cricket Club representatives to attend to speak on matter.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

There was some discussion on the problems of re-wiring to comply with the regulations for an entertainments licence. The Village Hall Committee had applied to Charnwood Borough Council for a grant towards the cost of re-wiring. The Chairman offered to contact Paul Cartwright to ascertain the latest position.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Wymeswold Playscheme The Clerk had received a report and accounts from the Playscheme, together with a request for a donation. It was proposed by Mrs McFarlane, seconded by Mrs Feather and agreed unanimously to donate £25.

6.2 Leicester & County Mission for the Deaf The Clerk had received an appeal for a donation towards the building fund for this cause. In accordance with previous discussions on similar appeals, the Council were unable to assist.

6.3 Leics Rural Community Council Details had been received of a seminar on village housing to be held on 10 May.

6.4 Accounts The Clerk circulated copies of the accounts, cash projections and budget.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the following planning applications:

2 Somerset Close, BOW

In response to the Clerk's letter retrospective application had been requested by the Borough Planning Officer

89/06355/2 Mr & Mrs Hughes - Extensions to side of chalet bungalow for double garage, bedroom and bathroom and first floor 2 bedrooms and bathroom and to rear for utility room and garden room, 18 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds.

89/0960/2 Mr Woolley - Carport extension to side of detached house, 17 Somerset Close, Burton on the Wolds.

89/1028/2 Mr Hoult - Porch and bedroom extension to front of detached bungalow, 42 Wymeswold Lane, Burton on the Wolds.

89/1106/2 Mr & Mrs Coyle - Snooker room extension to rear of detached dwelling and formation of pitched roofs in lieu of flat roofs, 1 Hall Drive, Burton on the Wolds.

89/1153/2 Mr Searson - Conservatory extension to side of detached dwelling, 48 Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds.

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8 WYMESWOLD AIRFIELD - PUBLIC INQUIRY

Mr Betts said that the final day of Public Inquiry was held on 18 April and gave a brief over-view. He had received a letter from Moss, Latham & Toone on the costs of legal representation, which was slightly over budget. It was agreed that the costs were acceptable.

He had also received a letter from the Wolds Action Committee thanking him and the Parish Council for their help and support during the Inquiry. There was a suggestion for a social event to be held as a joint venture between the villages and this would be considered in the New Year. Mr Betts agreed to respond to the letter.

9 PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE - SIX HILLS

There was nothing to report.

10 PARISH LAND - TOWLES FIELDS

Mr Betts said that the planning application should have been heard on 27 April but was now scheduled for 18 May. The Clerk had written to the Borough Planning Officer pointing out that there was an element of urgency in the application as, in order to comply with the release of the covenant by Charnwood Borough Council, the land should be sold by July 15.

There was a short discussion on the alternatives for selling the land as a Scheme. It was proposed by Mr Oakland, seconded by Mrs McFarlane, and agreed unanimously that there should be a separate clause with regard to the car park and garage to ensure that the making up and relocation should be completed by an early date after the sale.

It was further agreed to advertise a selective tender. Mr Betts would negotiate the amount of commission to be paid to Armstrong Mather.

11 WAYMARKING

Rosemary Mills, Senior Rights of Way Officer, Department of Planning and Transportation was on leave but Mr Moore of the same Department had been very helpful. He would send a definitive map to the Clerk and was flexible about an evening meeting. It was agreed to contact Mr Simon Packe Drury Lowe in order that he, Mr Moore, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Feather could have a meeting in the near future.

12 GOOD DOG CAMPAIGN

Mrs McFarlane had received approximately 400 scoops plus leaflets for householders, worming leaflets and 2 posters. The lamp post stickers had not arrived. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting, when it was hoped that the lamp post stickers would be available and it would be possible to launch the campaign.

13 LITTER PICK

The Chairman reported that the Litter Pick had resulted in 18 bags of litter plus 12 bags which had been collected from Harlow's Wood by

Burton school pupils. She had written a letter of thanks to the Headmaster. She was going to send a notice be placed in The Link to thank the helpers and to encourage villagers to sustain the effort. She had received some anti-litter posters and suggestions for placement included Burton on the Wolds Parish notice board, bus shelter, garage, school, and the pavilion.

There was still a problem with plastic waste litter from the light industrial buildings in Sowters Lane and the Clerk would follow this up.

14 SPEED LIMIT - BURTON ON THE WOLDS

The Chairman read out a letter received from the Director of Planning & Transportation regarding the request for an increase in size for the 30 mph speed limit terminal signs. He was unable to recommend any increase in the size of the signs but had forwarded copies of the correspondence to the Chief Constable with a request for any action considered necessary to ensure compliance with the 30 mph speed limit in operation throughout the village.

15 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

EMEB for the Pavilion	£17.17
Cornhill Insurance	£166.44
Severn-Trent Water for the Pavilion	£28.20
Clerk's expenses and reimbursement	£139.73

16 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

16.1 British Gypsum Traffic Mrs McFarlane circulated copies of a letter from the County Council which had been sent to Mr Moorhouse in response to his approaches. After discussion on the routing of the traffic and the carriage of explosives through Burton on the Wolds, it was agreed to write to the County Council requesting details of Section 52.

16.2 Telephone Kiosk Mr Shields raised the subject of the new style kiosks and it was agreed to write to British Telecom with a request to retain the existing one.

16.3 Refuse Mr Shields pointed out that Charnwood Borough Council would collect garden waste for a small charge. Interested parties should contact the Borough Council.

16.4 Bus Service Mrs Feather brought forward requests from Prestwold villagers for a bus service through Prestwold. At the present time, with the Post Office being closed at Hoton, the lack of transport had made it difficult for villagers to collect pensions and allowances. It was agreed to write to the Department of Planning & Transportation drawing this subject to their attention.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Rachael Saunders